



Combat Control (CCT) Non-Prior Service Entry, Training Information

Combat Control is one of the Air Force's most physically demanding and mentally challenging specialties. The physical stressors include a heavy dose of physical training (PT) in the categories of swimming, running, and strength exercises. Other challenges include combat skills training, land navigation, and hours of training in the field under all environmental conditions in preparation for special operations and ground combat missions in the world's most dangerous places. The nine-month long CCT training pipeline combines early morning PT, classroom academics, and tough field training; as a whole this course requires a high level of commitment in both mind and body to succeed. Earning the red beret of CCT qualifies you as an air traffic controller, combat scuba diver, military free fall jumper, demolition trained, and a member of a very small and elite career field. Less than 1 percent of the entire Air Force can say they are CCT, meet the challenge and join the ranks of those who are "First There."



▪ **Eyesight Requirements:**

- Standard: Must be at least 20/70 or better in both eyes and both correctable to 20/20 with glasses. Must have normal color vision.
- Waiver possibilities: If one eye is 20/70 or better and other no worse than 20/200, or if both eyes are no worse than 20/100.
- Depth perception requirement.

NOTE: PRK and LASEK laser surgery is approved by Air Force. Applicant must wait one year after procedure, pre and post conditions must be met. LASIK is not approved for military freefall.

- **Flight Physical:** Must be able to pass a Flying Class III.
- **Age:** Must join Air Force before 28th birthday.
- **Height:** Minimum height 4'10" up to 6'8".
- **Weight:** Maximum weight (In compliance with Air Force standards table, however, maximum weight for jump school is 250 lbs).
- **Physical Fitness:** Must pass every element of the Physical Abilities and Stamina Test (PAST):
 - 2 x 20 meter underwater (3 min between each) – 10 minute rest



- 500 meter swim (freestyle, breaststroke, sidestroke), maximum time 14 minutes – 30 minute rest
 - 1.5 mile run, maximum time 10 minutes 45 seconds – 10 minute rest
 - Pull ups (palms away) in 1 minute, 6 x minimum reps – 3 minute rest
 - Sit ups in 2 minutes, 45 x minimum reps – 3 minute rest
 - Push ups in 2 minutes, 45 x minimum reps – 3 minute rest
 - Flutter Kicks in 2 minutes, 45 x minimum reps – end
 - Candidates will also complete the PAST 45 days prior to shipment to Basic Military Training (must successfully complete to join Air Force for Combat Control)
 - **Security Clearance:** Able to obtain a Secret security clearance.
 - **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen upon start of training.
 - **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Score:** Must have a score of at least 44 in the General category.
 - **Pipeline Schools:**
 - **Combat Control Selection Course (CCSC):** Lackland AFB, Texas (2 weeks)
 - Additional reporting instructions see: <https://etca.randolph.af.mil> Click on the AETC Command patch (second patch top row), then type “Combat Control Selection Course” in the Title Key Word area.
 - **Air Traffic Control Course:** Keesler AFB, Miss. (72 training days/14.4 weeks)
 - **Basic Army Airborne School:** Ft. Benning, Ga. (15 training days/3 weeks); <https://www.infantry.army.mil/videos/video05/index.htm>
 - **Basic Survival:** Fairchild AFB, Wash. (17 days/2.5 weeks)
 - **Combat Control Apprentice Course:** Pope AFB, N.C. (61 training days/12.2 weeks)
- NOTES:** All non-prior service (NPS) Airmen who sign an enlistment contract upon entering the Air Force for the Guaranteed Training Enlistment Program (GTEP) for 1C2X1, Combat Controller, are eligible to receive a bonus after attaining the 3-skill level – after Combat Control School (CCS) graduation. Larger bonuses are given to 6-year enlistees, \$18K. These **amounts change periodically**, ask your Air Force recruiter for the latest bonus amount.
- **Advanced Skills Training (AST), Air Force Special Operations Command**
 - **3-phases (11-12 months)**
- NOTE: All CCS graduates make a permanent change of station move to Hurlburt Field, Fla. Dependents are allowed to move, but not prior to CCS graduation.
- **Formal Training Phase:** In processing, physical training, pre-scuba water confidence and academics. Attend Air Force Combat Diver Course (Scuba) at Panama City, Fla. Attend Army Military Free Fall Course (MFF) at Fort Bragg, N.C./ Yuma, Ariz. Gain ATV/Dirt-bike Safety Course qualifications. (5 months)
 - **Core Skills Phase:** Communications, survey, demolitions, Air Traffic Control, Forward Area Refueling/Rearming Point (FARRP) and fire support operations with helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. Completion of the CCT Career Development Course. (3 months)



- **Operational Readiness Training Phase:** Tactical vehicles, weapons, small unit tactics, advanced navigation, amphibious ops, static line jump week, Military Free Fall week, helicopter infiltration/extraction, Rigging Alternate Method Zodiac airdrops. Introduction to Special Tactics, mission planning, reconnaissance, Combat Search and Rescue operations, amphibious operations, urban calls-for-fire, airfield seizure operations, special ops unique training and operations. (3 months)
- **Initial assignment locations after AST:**
 - Pope AFB, (Fayetteville) N.C. (21st Special Tactics Squadron)
 - McChord AFB, (Tacoma) Wash. (22nd Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Hurlburt Field, (Ft. Walton Beach) Fla. (23rd Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Kadena AB, (Okinawa) Japan (320th Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Mildenhall AB, (England) United Kingdom (321st Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Staniford Field (Louisville) Ky. (123rd Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Portland International Airport (Portland) Ore. (125th Special Tactics Squadron)
 - NOTE: 123rd STS and 125th STS are both Air National Guard units
 - Assignment to 24th STS (Pope AFB) is possible after serving two years in an operational STS and successfully completing “24 STS assessment” course
- **Special Pays (If pay qualifications maintained for each):** Total: \$900
 - Combat Diver (SCUBA): \$150/month
 - Military Free Fall (HALO): \$225/month
 - Demolition: \$150/month
 - Special Duty Assignment Pay (SDAP): up to \$375 month

NOTE: Other special reenlistment bonuses and special duty incentive pays may apply to qualified personnel in certain year-groups or location.
- **Internet Web site:** See <http://www.afsoc.af.mil/specialtactics/>
- **Combat Control History Web site** (information source only)
<http://ccthistory.arrowmaker.com/introduction.HTML>
- **Air Force Special Operations Training Center/Recruiting:** Capt Brian Hicks, 850-884-3346 (DSN 579), 1-800-831-USAF, e-mail Brian.Hicks@hurlburt.af.mil
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NOTE: This fact sheet is a guideline. Rules, procedures, etc. change from time to time.